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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	CONRAD ET AL.	Examiner:	C. HOPKINS
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Title:	AIRWAY IMPLANT		

**AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 9, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to proceed with species I (Figs. 1 and; claims 1 – 3, 6 – 11 and 14 – 17).

This election is made with traverse. Claim 1 is generic to both of Species I and II and is allowable.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.